

Commercial Building
616 Ninth Street, N.W.
Washington
District of Columbia

HABS No. DC-234

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Written Historical and Descriptive Data

Historic American Buildings Survey
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
National Park Service
801 19th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

1. STATE District of Columbia
COUNTY
TOWN Washington VICINITY
STREET NO. 616 Ninth Street, N.W.

ORIGINAL OWNER
ORIGINAL USE
PRESENT OWNER
PRESENT USE Book and Magazine store, office
WALL CONSTRUCTION Brick, stone trim
NO. OF STORIES Three

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY *HABS DC-234*

2. NAME Commercial Building

DATE OR PERIOD Circa 1890
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

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4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

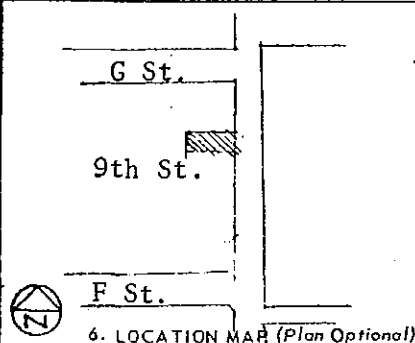
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This small store building is interesting for its composition and detail; it is of red brick with limestone trim, three stories high and one bay wide, facing east along a frontage of about 17 feet. The first story front has been completely remodeled.

At the second story there are stone courses at the window sill, mid-height and lintel. A group of three windows, the openings separated by narrow brick piers, is enriched by a row of carved ballflowers in a cove at the bottom of the lintel. At the third story three window openings are framed under a segmental brick arch abutting stone end blocks, the spandrel being a large stone.

Shallow buttresses frame the upper half of the facade at the corners, resting on stone corbels with foliated, crocketed ornaments and crowned with sheet-metal finial blocks. The gable is filled with brick pattern work in relief, and capped by a sheet-metal cove enriched with ballflowers. Behind the gable there is a flat roof.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Fair Exterior Fair



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

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